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In re Appln. of: William T. Gross

Appln. No.: 09/765,270

Filed: January 18, 2001

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
RANKING ITEMS

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

Sir:

Applicant(s) requests continued examination of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

- Submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (*check at least one of the following*):
- Previously submitted:  
 Applicant(s) requests nonentry of any previously-filed unentered amendments.  
 Please enter and consider the Amendment After Final Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
 Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Attached is/are:  
 An Information Disclosure Statement  
 An Amendment to the written description, claims, or drawings  
 New Arguments and/or New Evidence in support of Patentability  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Request for suspension of action:

Applicant(s) hereby request suspension of action on the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; requires Processing Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)).

 Small Entity Status:

- Applicant hereby asserts entitlement to claim small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27.
- A small entity statement or assertion of entitlement to claim small entity status was filed in prior application no. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ and such status is still proper and desired.
- Is no longer desired.

 Applicant(s) calculate the following fees to be due in connection with this Request:

- A Request fee of \$770 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e).
- A suspension processing fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i).
- An additional filing fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 (\_\_\_\_\_ additional independent claims and/or \_\_\_\_\_ additional total claims).
- An extension fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) for a \_\_\_\_\_-month extension of time.

 Fee payment to cover the above-enumerated fee(s):

- A check in the amount of \$770 is enclosed.
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- A payment by credit card in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE). A copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

August 30, 2004

Date

Attachment(s): Amendment and Response  
\$770 Check

  
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